GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether USA is likely to examine the Indian nuclear programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether American Congress is contemplating to bring a model additional protocol law by which the International Atomic Energy Agency would be empowered to examine nuclear programmes of all the countries;

(d) if so, whether the International Atomic Energy Agency is governed by the law passed by American Congress and the same is binding on all countries of the World; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such information has come to the attention of Government.

(d) & (e) The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is an inter-governmental organisation which functions independently under its own Statute adopted in 1957 and its programme-activites and budget are solely determined by its policy making organs, namely, the Board of Governors and the General Conference.A Model Additional Protocol was endorsed by the IAEA`s policy making organs in May 1997, to be concluded as a bilateral undertaking between the Agency and those Non-Nuclear Weapon States which are parties to its full scope safeguards agreements. Such a Model Protocol is meant to be obligatory on those Non-Nuclear Weapon States that are parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) or other similar international agreements, which are not applicable to India.